

Appln. No. 10/782,105
Amendment dated August 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed May 6, 2005

REMARKS

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Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 through 7 remain in this application. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 8 through 11 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ploeger.

In regard to claim 1, it is submitted that the Ploeger reference does not disclose, teach or suggest "said head member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said second portion, said second portion being adapted for being inserted into the housing to depress clips of the clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the housing".

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The Ploeger reference teaches a method for removal of connection for parking brake cables that fails to teach the first portion of the head member having a diameter greater than a diameter of the second portion to allow the second portion to be inserted into the housing as claimed by the applicant. Therefore, it is submitted that the Ploeger reference would not lead one to anticipate the combination of features as claimed by the applicant.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

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Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 2 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Klinger.

In regard to claim 1, it is submitted that the Klinger reference does not disclose, teach or suggest "said head member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion, a diameter of said first portion being greater than a diameter of said second portion, said second portion being adapted for being inserted into the housing to depress clips of the clip member to release the clip member from the housing to allow the parking brake cable to be removed from the housing".

The Klinger reference teaches a quick connector universal release tool that fails to teach the first portion of the head member having a diameter greater than a diameter of the second portion to allow the second portion to be inserted into the housing as claimed by the applicant. Therefore, it is submitted that the Klinger reference would not lead one to anticipate the combination of features as claimed by the applicant.

Claims 3 and 4 are dependent upon claim 1, particularly as amended, and therefore incorporate the requirements of claim 1. Thus, claims 3 and 4 are also believed to be allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1 through 4 is therefore respectfully requested.

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Paragraph 6 of the Office Action**

Paragraph 6 of the Office Action states that claim 5 and 6 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates limitations of claims 2 and 5 into the recitation of claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 3 through 6, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 1, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Paragraph 7 of the Office Action

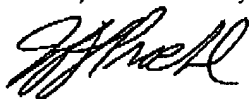
Claim 7 has been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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